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| In re application of: | David A. Hazlebeck, et al. | |
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| For: | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SOLIDS TRANSPORT IN HYDROTHERMAL PROCESSES | |
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003, and in light of the Petition for an Extension of Time that is filed herewith to extend the time for response to January 8, 2004, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows: